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**STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON REPAIR OF M STREET SEAWALL
IN SOUTH BOSTON, THURSDAY, MAY 18**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the project status and schedule for the reconstruction of the M Street seawall and the reestablishment of M Street Beach. The meeting will be held at the Curley Recreation Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston (attendees should use the building's M Street entrance).

The project was begun in January; Phase II, the project's final phase, commenced on May 8, 2006 and is expected to be completed November 16. Phase II work includes the removal of 500 feet of the existing M Street Seawall which collapsed in November, 2005, and replacing it with steel sheet piles encased concrete to match the exiting wall. Seven trees in Hicks Park and behind the collapsed seawall will be removed and replaced with 15 new trees. Additionally, the 200-foot stone block wall in Hicks Park will be rehabilitated, and 10,000 tons of sand will be brought in to shape the new beach once the seawall project is complete.

For more information, please call DCR Community Affairs at 617-626-1414.

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